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God's wondrous love for creature man
Has blessed our first centennial land;
The life of Christ, God's only Son,
Is pleading for the world undone.

No bright-eyed youth ever entered 'teen
Without a heart imbued in sin:
Then bow beneath God's mercy seat,
There trust in Christ is faith complete.

All nations hail the Savior's word!
And trusting Him new life receive!
A thousand joys His lips afford,
His hands a thousand blessings give.

In Jesus trust, by faith look up,
Behold Him nailed to Calvary's cross;
He sacrificed His life for sin,
Then rose our life, our SAVIOR, KING.

The Science of Government.

In God's word is laid the basis and science of the government of man, revealed, as well as seen, in nature's laws; and this is the reason for the "hope within." For "in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, in six days he made all things that were made. And God rested the seventh day from all his works,"—as the great exemplar of all His created intelligences and the gospel of Jesus Christ bears witness with prophesy that "in the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God, the same was in the beginning with God," "who so loved the world that He gave His beloved Son to die upon the Cross that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have eternal life," "and He was manifested in the flesh to destroy the work of the devil through the power of His word which is the sword of the spirit," given to the world by

the Holy Ghost inspiring the writers to make known God's truth to the world, testifying "the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork, day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night showeth knowledge of Him," "there is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard, for all nature speaks forth the Creator's praise," and His prophet declares that "unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, and of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end; upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom to order and establish it, with judgment and with justice from this time forth and even forever more" the zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this. Witness the Savior's warning voice sounding out in his word through all time to "search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they testify of me, reconstructing rebellious man through the powers that be." "Then let patience have her perfect work, for there is no power but of God, the powers that be are ordained of God," and the government shall be upon the shoulder of His beloved Son whose Kingdom has been set up in the world through

the power of his word, the sword of the Spirit, which shall accomplish the purpose for which it was sent. For all power in heaven and earth was given into the hands of the Son of God, and he exclaimed upon the Cross, "It is finished, the work thou gavest me to do."

The plan of redemption through the divine and human substitute is complete, testifying, "And if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me," for which examine the witnesses. Let your faith behold Him on the Cross, see His pierced side and the flowing blood, and receive the testimony of God in nature, bursting the solid rocks asunder, while the temple is rent in twain from top to bottom, and the meridian sun refuses to behold the sight. Witness the words of weeping Mary at His empty tomb, and receive all the testimony of God's precious word with the two witnesses on their way to Emmaus, and answer,—was he not lifted up from the earth and did he not ascend up through the clouds out of sight, in the presence of over five hundred witnesses? Has he not proved to be the World's Redeemer and the sinner's Advocate, Mediator, and especial Savior of all who receive Him by faith and trust in Him? Witness the power of His word in all lands, drawing multitudes who testify that God in Christ is reconciled to them in the

forgiveness of all their sins. Do not believers bear witness in his house of praise that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? and are they not multiplying in all lands? until the work of Mediation upon earth ceases; when his position will change to his seat on the great white throne of judgment, rewarding every man righteously according to his works, whether good or bad. Then the unreconciled to God, through Jesus, will hear the awful sentence too late, and receive according to the deeds done in the body, and each go to his proper place, as chosen in this life, which will separate forever the Christian from all his anti-Christ revilers, to a home with Jesus in the bright mansions of glory!

Then, dying fellow-man, while the Gospel invites you and the Holy Spirit enlightens your mind, O receive your loving Savior, trusting in him with all your heart, humbly confessing with your mouth his great salvation, bowing the supplicating knee only in his precious name! Give him your whole heart, being all that you can do. Then in faith, hope in his mercy for a disciple's reward, receiving a blessing even a contrite spirit and a clean heart, which arm you with Christ within, with no fear of man without. Such are true disciples indeed, by repentance toward God and faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with sins all buried in his grave,

in the baptism we were not able to bear, which faith justifies us from all things written in the law against us, with our names recorded in Jesus' heart of hearts; which all believers should ratify in the Gospel ordinances, which give the answer of a good conscience toward God by putting on Christ in baptism, receiving the sacrament as a memento of His never failing love, found in searching the scriptures, looking unto Jesus, the only fountain of true life and love, growing daily in those spiritual graces which comfort the soul and enlighten the mind, in the science of good government "that shall be upon the shoulder of the Son of God," which is wonderful knowledge, enveloping the believer in true happiness for time and for eternity. What wondrous love that we should be called the Sons of God, "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump," although God hates sin yet he loves the sinner, for whom his beloved Son died, saying, "It is finished," and through his word invites the penitent to look unto him and live forever, O may his warning voice bring the reader to a timely reflection, and may the good leaven of truth become a healing balm throughout the world, the whited field, reconstructing men and governments through the light of God's word. For without heaven's wonderful counsellor for the foundation rock upon whom

to build our temples of justice, we will find our base upon the quicksands, tossed as a vessel at sea, without guide, rudder, chart or compass.

God's holy law empowers man a sovreign over the earth in all that is right, with the command to multiply, replenish and subdue it; and seeing man was incomplete without a helpmeet, he took from Adam's side a rib and made beautiful, lovely woman and gave her to man, who was then complete and happy, placed in the garden of Eden under God's holy law; which, alas! he did break by yielding to temptation and eating of the forbidden fruit, which brought sin and death into the world with all our woe. Thus did Adam, our federal head, who was monarch of all he surveyed, made in the image and likeness of his creator, yet disobeying his holy law, bring upon himself and his posterity sin with all its evils, filling man's heart with rebellion against his maker's righteous government, causing the Lord's prophet to exclaim, "The whole head is sick and the heart is faint," and none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good and reconstruct us back to God, whose finished work of Gospel light makes believers all one in Christ Jesus, and for this purpose he came into the world and was born of a woman under the law that he might redeem them that were under the law. Behold

his star in the East and the wise men gathering thither to worship the child of the manger (God in man) while the ascending and descending angels of light from the heavenly choir proclaim the glorious news of glad tidings which shall be unto all people, for "unto us a child is born," whose light has come into the world, upon whom the glory of the Lord has arisen, causing the prophet to exclaim, "Who is this that cometh from Eden with dyed garments from Bozrah?" "I, that speak in righteousness, mighty to save,"—the more glorious Adam, God's elect son and his Apostle's election and perfect righteousness, as well as the Savior of all who believe in Him through their words, and are enveloped in his unspotted robes with peace the world cannot give or take away. This government is worthy of all men's allegiance, securing their eternal happiness, for Jesus was made a curse for us, that we might be made righteous in Him. Sin has brought us ten thousand talents in debt to our dear Redeemer with nothing wherewith to pay, and being condemned under God's holy law, it has become our teacher, and run the sinner to Christ, who is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth, which is evidenced by faith in the believers, that is an anchor to the soul, in the good hope that reaches beyond this vale of tears,

which is confirmed in us by the Holy Ghost, bearing witness that we are born of the spirit; which makes believers heirs and joint heirs in all the rich blessings of God our Father and Jesus our elder brother, which infinite work of redeeming Salvation was perfected for us through our dear Savior's own suffering, who was led as a lamb to the slaughter, opening not his mouth, being obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, which atoning blood will wash the chief of sinners as white as snow, confirming believers conquorers over death, hell and the grave. Such will ever bow the knee to Daniel's God, giving glory to the everlasting Father, who committed all power in heaven and earth into the hands of his beloved Son. Therefore, first, all laws should be enacted; and governments ordained, upon God's fundamental law of light and right, keeping his truth uppermost in all our political economy, in ordaining that no man is complete in his manhood who does not support a wife, an help-meet, which should alone entitle him to be impaneled a juror, to vote, or hold office in the government. Second, widows should be enfranchised with their husbands' ballot during their widowhood, for it is tyranny and oppression to tax a people without representation, altogether contrary to light and right, in the glad tidings of peace on earth, and good will to

man. Third, the property of the nation should educate the children in the common school, which is but equitable and right, in equal bearing upon society, conforming our present and future happiness, upon the sacrifice once offered for sin, for as in Adam all die, even so in Christ, shall all be made alive. Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they testify of me. And out of Christ God is a consuming fire. Then thanks be unto God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, whose law is perfect, converting the soul, and whose statutes are right, rejoicing the heart and making wise the simple, which laws were ordained by the King of kings, and Lord of lords, to whom belong the nations of earth, the gold and silver, as well as the cattle upon a thousand hills. Why should not such be the law of intelligence in all civilization, conforming our lives according to God's word, in extending civil rights to all civilians, in doing to others as we would have them do unto us; as the executive medium of God's eterna truth as it is in His Son, giving the gospel government the supreme control over the oppressive work of the devil; being as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves, supporting Christ's Church in the light of Revelation, which Church He purchased with his own precious life and ordained the light of

the world throughout all time, in all his boundless temples of praise to the Trinity? And it was established in this world through the mighty power of the Holy Ghost inspiring the Apostles to spread abroad in all lands the glad tidings of salvation, reconstructing through the Church of Jesus, the penitent sinner of every clime, inviting with the gospel trumpet a perishing world to make the wise choice with Mary and the prodigal son, and with the psalmist prefer being a door-keeper in the house of God than a dweller in the tents of wickedness. Regenerated souls love God's word, and His house of prayer and praise, where they learn the way of life through the Savior's appointed means of grace, where flesh oil is supp ied in trimmed lamps, that saves the blind from falling into the ditch. Is not our Christ a wonderful counsellor, a mighty God and prince of peace, ruling the armies of heaven and earth by his own will, and who can hinder? O, that men would learn to praise the Lord, by giving heed to his word which faithfully points to Him, who is able to keep them from falling, as well as from the wailing and gnashing of teeth! For it pleased the Father from all eternity, to secure through the life of his beloved Son, the plan of recovering mercy that saves the believer from the condemnation of sin, into a state of eternal hap-

piness through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, embracing in the Savior's loving heart every repenting sinner of Adam's fallen race; who testify in heart and life that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Such disciples may accept that they are born of the Spirit because they love the brethren, drawing from the well of salvation the waters of eternal life.

> "Only because they have heard his voice,
> And entered while there is room,
> Whilst thousands make the wretched choice,
> And rather starve than come,"

and be with Jesus. Where mercy and truth have met together, righteousness and peace kiss each other. Perfecting the heir and joint heir, one in love unbounded fulfil ing the law and the prophet, through the anointed son, to whom every knee shall bow, and tongue confess. For he embodies all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, most lovingly inviting the very chief of sinners to Mary's good choice which shall never be taken away. And this great theme of free salvation, through Jesus, should interest all the world, as well as the law-makers and counsellors of this great nation, who would be wise to enquire, as did Pilot, "What is truth?" and echo replies "Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life," who teaches with authority (and not as man,) although he walked upon this cold earth without a place to lay his head. He was

not without disciples, even among the fishermen of Galilee. He taught his obedient followers in the way of eternal life. Is He not a wonderful counsellor? Therefore his representatives should learn of him and receive his testimony to become wise and faithful counsellors, holding the interest of the soul and body, of all the people, paramount to pocket platforms, or class legislation. For counsellors should be examplars as well as executives of the truth, more than makers of law. For the law of the Lord is perfect and His statutes are right, rejoicing the heart and making wise the simple.

Therefore keep and do them, for this is your wisdom, and understanding, in the sight of all the nations, which shall have all these statutes, and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." In that Jesus Christ has been made unto them wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Therefore he that glorieth let him glory in the Lord, out of self, and out of the great party of proscription, into Christ, the Christian's Life, Light and Liberty, in all the boundless blessings that are fitting us for higher attainments in heavenly wisdom. For the grand division of men is, true, and false religion, Christ, or anti-Christ. They that are not for me, are against me. Away then with government licensing men to do evil.

For wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever tarrieth thereat is not wise. God's word proclaims woe to him who putteth his bottle to his neighbor's lips. And God's word was given to the world to destroy the work of the devil. And God's ministers are the ensigns to the people, holding the highest office in this world, in defence of the Gospel, proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation to all the people. Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world, the only name given under heaven whereby men can be saved from their sins. And although it should fetter their hands in the dungeon cell, or tighten the cords around the burning stake, still let them glory in the cross, assured to die in defence of the gospel, is true bliss. Knowing that the liberty of the soul and the body are inseparable companions in honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose devoted servants should have all their needful wants supplied without grudging. For the laborer is worthy of his reward. And God is no respecter of persons, but would have all men to look unto him and be saved. For the love of the truth separates men in this life, as well as in the unknown hereafter, and God's all seeing eye is upon all his creatures, to reward them according to works and deeds done in the body. All who are not

enveloped in Christ will receive the reward of the anti-Christ, while the little children are all saved because they have not sinned, and belong to Christ by redemption, (for of such is the kingdom of heaven,) and pardoned sinners are saved through faith in Jesus, which is the gift of God, and works in them obedience to the will of God's good pleasure. They, are the light of the world, united in Christ's Church, makes them the salt of the earth, and they glory in tribulation, in defence of Christ's gospel, and should unitedly array themselves as disciples of Jesus under his gospel banner. For there is one Lord, one faith and one baptism, which is the inwrought regenerating power of the Holy Ghost, shed abroad in the heart of believers in Jesus. Such are born of the spirit and know not the voice of strangers, but worship God in the only name of the Trinity, and Christ's Church at every place according to God's word, which Book is invaluable alone for its testimony of free salvation, through a risen Savior to a lost world. It is the sword of the Spirit, whose entrance giveth light within. And its promise embraces all men, of all climes, who put their trust in Jesus as their Savior, and all believers are witnesses with the word which was God manifested in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached to the Gentiles, believed on in the

world, and received up into glory, whose name shall endure forever, and his holy spirit bearing witness with his word, will change sinners to disciples and bring them home to God. The lost are blinded because of unbelief, which alone separates them from a smiling Savior, whose welcome invitation is, Come unto me all ye ends of the earth and be saved, for I am God and beside me there is no other. Look, ye sinners, ye who hung Him, look how deep your sins have stung Him, dying sinner look and live. Choose this day whom ye will serve and fall at Jesus' feet, a wretch undone without his sovereign grace. Seek a nearness to his loving heart. "Although thy sins be as scarlet, they shall be washed as white as snow;" though vile in sin, in Jesus trust, by faith receive Him without doubt, yes, hope in his mercy; for he is the Lord our righteousness, whose ark is moving onward, giving all nations in their own tongue the true light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world. For in Him there is no darkness at all, teaching his disciples that their words be yea and nay, as more than this cometh of evil, and not the unity in love, which shall be in you a well of water springing up into eternal life. Such have the spirit and worship in spirit and truth, untrammelled with forms, creeds or ceremonies which engender strife and perish in

using. But rather let Christians rejoice in the precious word of God in all its fullness of wisdom, knowledge and understanding, which makes of rebels against God freemen in Christ Jesus, and this surpasses Greek philosophy, secession ordinances, or lighted candles at noonday's sun. The sacrifice that is well pleasing to God is a broken heart and a contrite spirit, which does away with all consecrated priest or roaring cannon.

The word of God is the great enlightener of the children of men in the sacrifice that was once forever offered for the sins of the whole world, whose mission was to seek and save that which was lost, in renewing the heart with light and love, which Christians manifest to the world in receiving Christian baptism, putting on Christ (the light on the bushel), walking with Him as we have received Him, which is our will swallowed up in His will in doing His commandments, always in the name of the Trinity which unites with Christ's Church, confirming believers in the answer of a good conscience toward God through His beloved Son, the good shepherd in all His unnumbered temples of light and love, which is the redeemed Church of God.

How different the gospel teaches from the mandate of the heathen tyrant, whose delight is war and bloodshed, refusing to cut off a right hand sin, or pluck out the eye of lust and render

obedience to the gospel government of God in honoring the marriage vow, which is the foundation stone of all good society, ordained in Canaan of Galilee, by our own dear Saviour as the foundation basis of civilization throughout all time, and it should be solemnized by the Lord's own ministers who teach in Jesus' name the way of eternal life, which is justification by faith in Jesus Christ, working in you the hope of glory. Thanks be unto the everlasting Father for such a high priest, holding in His own hands the keys of life and death, with all power in heaven and earth at his command. Where then is the infallible Pope or earthly monarch that can raise the dead or ease the burthened conscience of a godly sorrow for sin? Echo answers, None but Jesus can do helpless sinners good and reconstruct us back to God.

Where has our Christ ever committed his government into the hands of political demagogues who form legislative rings to enact ordinances from the floodgates of hell, or where has the King of kings and Lord of lords ever bounded his government with land-marks or secesssion ordinances. Nor can flood or flame arrest Jehovah's triumphant march of gospel light through his own purchased possessions, the camp-ground of his valiant soldiers; for his will is alone the boundary of His own blood-bought

inheritance, for the world is His and the fullness thereof, the people and they that dwell therein, which he has bounded and lighted up by Calvary's cross in the precious blood that was sacrificed to destroy the works of the devil. Yes, it fell to the ground from perfect innocence, that the world through Jesus might be saved.

O! Jesus, was ever love like thine! surrounding the whole earth and spanning the rolling billows of the mighty ocean, "Peace, be still," and the winds obey thy voice! Is he not a wonderful counsellor, mighty God and Prince of peace, from whom we receive the faith that works by love, purifies the heart and overcomes the world, holding up the blood-stained banner of the cross, whose power conquers the fear of death, hell and the grave, bringing life and immortality to light through the gospel, placing the believer's salvation upon the rock of eternal security, being the anchored bridge over all chasms to the pearly gates and bright mansions of glory, which satisfies the travail of his soul, while Eden again blooms and blossoms as the rose. For this unbounded love may all Christian Churches unite in their temples of praise to the Trinity, echoing Jesus' precious name, until they all come into the unity of the Spirit to the one fold and the one shepherd, cemented in Christ forever, the crown conquerer of the world redeemed. But, O dying fellow-

men, without holiness we can never go where God and his Christ is. Therefore, while the gospel invites and the Holy Spirit strives, let all hearts respond, "Near my God to thee, near to thee," whose kingdom has come into the world. Help us say in our hearts, "O! God, thy will be done in the earth as it is done in heaven. When thus enveloped in Jesus, never fear the lions on the way to the celestial city, whose gates are standing ajar for you and me and all who will come upon God's terms, and there is none to hinder. The fountain flowed from his pierced side that cleanses from all sin. He has led the way by his infallible truth through the pearly gates into the bright mansions of eternal glory, and when you, dear reader, was born of the Spirit, you had no enemy on earth that you could not embrace in your arms of love. Such is the foretaste of the heavenly rest, and he that is so armed with Christ within has no fears of the world without, for the sinner born of the Spirit, living in obedience to Christ, loving his fellowmen, is as certain of heaven's rest as if in the mansions of glory, because Jesus has promised it, yet let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall, and again, know ye not to whom ye yield yourselves, servants to obey his servants, ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness.

The Christian belongs to Christ, and desires to glorify him with all his powers while the sinner is in bondage to Satan. Having then received Christ as a little child, so walk ye in Him and his promises will never fail. Thanks be unto God for a foundation rock on which to build our hope of heaven.

The Gospel is a system of justice in love and mercy, and it will sever tyrants' chains as well as the tender cord in the marriage vow, which should cause the man of cups who transgressed, to stop and think before he further goes, ever remembering the solemn vow, and, that the happiest hearts and homes are built on strict fidelity, with peace at home and peace abroad. Love your wife and serve the Lord; such fidelity secures confidence in all such households, filling them with smiles of joy that never fail, but ever present in each calm breast and loving hearts, where Jesus delights to dwell, which crowns God's noblest image a complete man, a pillar of his government. Such a wife for a helpmeet the wise man pronounced above price, for through her God is glorified and the world is sanctified. A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump, for instance, the truly educated woman has fully mastered the fine art of pleasing graces, which leavens the worlds. Then Cupid's soft eyes, like pointed arrows, all bright in the starry heavens,

secure her prize, and make twain hearts one who, with cheerful hands, engage in all life's checkered scenes, with eyes firm on the lone star of Bethlehem. Such a woman will ever be the ideal of the refined gentleman, whose generous heart will certainly be the welcome home from the bridal tour. Whenever properly witnessed by the Lord's own minister, such a woman can govern her home, and she can govern the world. But, alas! if fashionable gossip if woman's paramount delight, she should never encumber the homestead as the guardian of little children who are the true index to the mother, whenever the children are good as well as whenever untidy and ignorant. But thank the Lord, the picture can be repainted if the good lady will so elect and render home the sweetest and happiest spot on earth. Young gentlemen will please read themselves in this picture and see themselves as others see them.

When the red wine cup attracts thine eye, remember thy duty and pass it by. The Lord be praised for Gospel light with liberty vouchsafed to all men securing civil rights to all civilians, delivering immortal souls as human chattels from the auctioneer's stand, separating wives from husbands and children from parents, they know not where. Thankful are we for the deliverance of this great nation from such cruelty and error,

which is the work of not only the Master in Israel, but of the Governor and Ruler of the whole world, who governs in righteousness with justice and mercy to all men, ever holding in his own hands the scales of justice. Is he not a Wonderful Counsellor, mighty God and Prince of Peace, ruling of his own good will, and who can hinder? And now may the great ships of all waters exchange their commerce and disseminate in all lands and languages God's holy word, which is the inseparable companion of the world's commerce in the great work of civilization, blessing both soul and body in raising them from oppression, superstition and ignorance, liberating the benighted heathen from the condemnation of sin into the glorious liberty of the sons of God, which is a perfect freedom, unfettering tyrants' chains upon earth, as well as devils in hell, making kings and priests unto God.

O what power is in the gospel found, suited to every sinner's case. It kills to make alive and pardons as a God, separating our sin as far from us as is the east from the west, and like a father pitties his children, even so the Lord pitties those that fear him and hope in his mercy. He giveth ears to the deaf, eyes to the blind and hope to the lost, and by faith so endears Jesus to his children that nothing can sever the sweet cords of love; although tribulations assail and

foes all unite, his daily prayer is, "Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee." O may the like faith of Abraham abide in the children of the light, who shall be as the sands on the sea shore, going forth planting the blood-stained banner of the cross only in the name of Christ's Church, on every hill and dale, wherever the meridian sun shines upon fallen men, receiving in Jesus' name the humble confessions of all believers in Him, who can testify in love that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and in tender mercy has become my salvation. By his help I am determined to conquer self and all the powers of darkness, by aiding His people in spreading abroad His precious gospel in all lands wherever the sun sheds his genial rays upon Adam's fallen race, until the good leaven of the gospel truth completes the work of redemption upon the earth, multiplying believers all one in Christ Jesus.

May lovely America be the land of light and liberty, with her eagle banners, unfurling her stars and stripes in the heavenly breezes, sailing aloof with her mighty ships, plowing the great waters of all seas, burdened with the commerce of all nations, in charge of God's faithful ministers and embassadors whose hearts are often gladdened with the sweet and gentle voice that once said, "Peace, be still," and behold a calm sea, rejoicing the heart of all his disciples, going

forth under the command, "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." These are the sacrifices of earth's carnality going forth for the love of souls, Christ constraining them with his great commission, "Go teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost;" supplying the perishing millions of earth with the bread of eternal life, ever sowing the seed of salvation in the sweetest name to mortals given, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus," until heaven and earth unite in chiming the bells of peace on earth, echoing peace in heaven! O for unity in Christ and His Church.

So we see that the word of God and commerce are inseparable companions in disseminating the great blessings of civilization with the knowledge of the sin pardoning God in all lands, for no man liveth or dieth to himself, for we are the Lord's, the world is His and the fulness thereof, the people and they that dwell therein, which he has founded upon a rock and established upon the flood. This government is worthy the allegiance of all men, as well as commerce, agriculture, arts and sciences, with the statesman and the herdsman, who are all the Lord's and each dependent co-workers under the light of the gospel to clothe and feed the world, each fulfiling his mission in administering to the wants of mankind—all his mighty interests rest upon the shoulder of

the Son of God, as well as the salvation of the immortal soul.

Our God alone can supply the wants of all his dependent creatures, and in Him is all our hope of present and future happiness. He was on earth the lamp of life, and for our peace laid down His life. Therefore, his disciples should swell the chorus, "Peace on earth is ratified in heaven," and this we should hasten to elect, for the fatted calf has been slain and the guests invited to the marriage feast of the Lamb, whose kingdom is set up in the world, inviting whosoever will to come as Mary and the Prodigal Son and partake of the welcome bounties so richly provided in the great plan of recovering mercy, where all the unnumbered elect may make their calling and election sure by giving timely heed to the things that make for peace, as revealed in God's word and sounded out by our Luther, Whitfield and Wesleys, as well as by our Spurgeon over the great waters and the numerous rising stars whose noble calling to the highest office in the world, forbids their going to and fro, as backbiters measuring themselves by themselves, and forgetting that their only business is to cry, "Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world!"

Be ye reconciled to God through his crucified Son before the great and terrible day of the Lord

comes, when he will change his position from our Mediator to a seat upon his great white throne of judgement, when at the sound of Gabriel's trumpet the opening graves and the briny ocean will give up their dead, and the saints will appear and receive the blessing. Enter then into the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world; while the wicked will be cast out into outer darkness where there is wailing and gnashing of teeth. Let your mind reflect and decide your position now calmly. O that the heathen might hear and understand God's warning voice and stretch forth the withered hand of faith, and touching only the hem of His garment, be made whole. Therefore, the redeemed of the Lord shall return with singing to Zion and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. This will all be manifest when the innumerable multitude joins in the hosannahs of the blood-washed throng, swelling the chorus, "To God and the Lamb be glory and honor, and power and dominion foreve and ever. Amen."

And now will Jesus' disciples prepare in Abraham's faith the sacrifice (even Isaac)? such a faith is the gift of God, and will bring forth a mighty host with white banners of peace, from the east, west, north and south, all conquered rebels sitting at Jesus' feet, in the right mind, full of the spirit of love to God and man. This

is the only balm for the healing of all our wounds, baptising our souls in the river of life that flows out from the throne of God. Such a gospel peace will place America the brightest star in the world's constellation of civilized nations, while echo would respond, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name," and exclaim with doubting Thomas, "My Lord and my God, thy will, not mine, be done in earth as in heaven."

And now humbly trusting in Christ's blood, I witness that Jesus is the Son of God, who was manifested in the flesh to destroy the works of the devil, that through Him the whole world might be saved, for Jesus came to call sinners to repentance, and the believer's hope is in His resurrection, and salvation is alone in a crucified and arisen Christ, and sin is a violation of God's holy law. Our actual sins (not Adam's) bring us under the law and our flinty, unbelieving heart brings fearfulness within. We seek relief and are impelled to Christ by the law. God's word will be the witness for all men in the great day of judgement for all men, by which the world will be judged. He says that the love of money is the root of all evil, piercing many with sorrow, yet its legitimate office is a great blessing, indispensable in commerce and all business transactions between men and nations. It is the end

of the law in the adjustment of debt and trade, and its place cannot be filled with anything not based upon the precious metals bearing the stamp of all nation's honor, integrity and power; it is the harmonizing palladium of all prosperity. It should be a fundamental law that money should never yield interest over four per cent. a year, first rewarding the producers of wealth, and when the country is so reconstructed, honor and labor will rest upon their own self-sustaining basis, multiplying millions of happy homes, whitening the great waters with ships and the earth with canals, railways and factories, until no man can be found idling or filling prisons and chain-gangs. This system of government will place the ten thousand unknown and unknowable statutes in a few single volumes, suitable for school books. Then let Americans dry up enormous taxes by decorating cottages in the forest. So reconstructed, we shall see the grandest prosperity that ever dawned. But that cannot be so long as producers of wealth receive no compensation for labor, because speculation in money at exhorbitant rates of usury is made the ruling article in traffic, and so long as votes are bought to elect party tricksters to multiply taxes and destroy confidence. Is it not high time that America should honor and ratify God's government upon the earth? which shall be upon the

shoulder of His beloved Son simply by doing to others as we would they should do to us.

Therefore, resolved that we will love mercy and do justice in the fear of God, in peace with all men as much as in us lies; ever remembering the Sabbath to keep it holy by ceasing from all labor and chaining carwheels, freeing men and beasts of burden from service, diligently walking in the light of God's word, remembering that we shall soon one by one pass away. Then let it be our highest aim to honor God and His Son in being exemplars to others in doing and getting good, assured that faithfulness to God and His church is the place to fit us for living and dying, which will alone unite us again with our loved ones in the bright forever, where they have only preceded us but a short time to our heavenly Father's welcome mansions. Perhaps they departed inviting us to meet them in heaven, and so we promised our dear father and loving mother who entered the cold Jordan, repeating, "If this be dying, you need never fear to die." Another witness, "Only live right and you will be sure to die right." Your loving Jesus will introduce you again to your bosom companions who left you on earth so lonely, who have only grown in beauty and loveliness, with whom you are now forever cemented, for there is no parting in the bright world of bliss.

See yonder that throng walking in the golden streets with the blessed Jesus, surrounded by our children, Simeon, Georgia, Birdie, Ruth and Hope, with all the other ten thousand million who are all companions of our dear Jesus, as the purchase of His precious life. Thanks be unto God, heaven is full of little children, redeemed with precious blood and all crowned with their Savior's own loving hands, who has given to each a golden harp wherewith all heaven rings His praises. Amen.

And now my humble effort to do good, respectfully dedicated to the American people July 4, 1876, is cast in Jesus' name upon the waters—hoping that Almighty God will cause His mighty engines to waft it over the world as a priming of good leaven to bless all mankind with our Lord's good government. So mote it be.

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